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1. Some of the German prisoners released from the USSR for return to Germany during December 1953 were first sent to the collecting camp at Krasnopolya, near Stalino in the Ukraine.<sup>1</sup> At Krasnopolya they were formed into transports and left the USSR for Germany via Krasno (probably N 51-27, E 30-08) for release at Friedland.
2. Prisoners moving from Moscow to Krasnopolya were sent by regular public trains. Although the trains had no diners, it was possible to buy food at various stations. Farm women sold produce in booths set up near the stations; these were open markets where prices were not controlled by the State. In the smaller towns it was possible to obtain beer and ample food, which was not possible in the larger towns.

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Comment: The NIS Gazeteer lists no Krasnopolya; however, three towns named Krasnopol'ye are located in the general vicinity of Stalino.

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